

A-League 4nd Round Results
 Perth Glory - Central Coast Mariners 1-2
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 WS Wanderers - Brisbane Roar 0-0
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Central Coast Mariners have pulled off the biggest upset of the Hyundai A-League season so far, overcoming defending premiers Perth Glory 2-1 at HBF Park on Sunday.

Perth Glory - Central Coast Mariners 1-2



The Mariners had won just once in their last 14 away games before heading west but were excellent value for their first victory of the 2019/20 campaign.

On his first Hyundai A-League start, young gun Samuel Silvera scored what turned out to be the winner with a fine strike just before the break.

Former Glory playmaker Daniel De Silva had earlier given the visitors the lead early on, but were pegged back soon after through wing-back Ivan Franjic.

Alen Stajcic's side were then forced to defend for their lives as Glory pushed hard for an equaliser late on.

But the Mariners held on for a morale-boosting - and well deserved - win that catapults them into the top six.

Key moments

Duric rattles the woodwork with a piledriver

Milan Duric has shown a real ability to strike from distance and he was horribly unlucky not to open the scoring inside eight minutes.

From a free-kick, the ball was played short to Duric about 30 metres from goal and the Serbian hit a rocket that had Liam Reddy beaten but not the post.

Danny De Silva had a chance to finish off the rebound but the ball got caught under his feet allowing Glory to escape.

De Silva makes amends for earlier miss

The Mariners got their reward for their early dominance as Daniel De Silva struck against his former club on 17 minutes.

Jack Clisby got free down the left with his cutback met first time by De Silva at the top of the box.

The playmaker produced an assured low finish which arrowed into the bottom corner.

Franjic makes Mariners pay for earlier misses

Just a minute after Daniel De Silva had the chance to double the Mariners lead at one end, Ivan Franjic goes up the other and makes it 1-1.

Diego Castro got to the byline and cut the ball back for Juande whose powerful strike could only be parried away by Mark Birighitti.

But the ball fell to Franjic and he fired low through the legs of the keeper and just inside the near post.

Individual brilliance from Silvera puts Mariners in the lead

Sam Silvera showed great strength to dispossess Jacob Tratt of possession just outside the Glory box.

Despite being at a difficult angle on the left of the box, the youngster produced a pin-point finish into the far bottom corner for his first Hyundai A-League goal.

The stunning strike came just a minute before the break ensuring the Mariners held a slender lead as the teams went to the sheds.

MAGIC MILAN: THE MARINER MAKING HIS MARK

Duric joined the Mariners in August from Serbian club Vojvodina.

The attacking midfielder has scored two goals in just two A-League appearances, finding the back of the net against both the Wanderers and the Jets.

Duric has played across Europe in Poland, Macedonia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Azerbaijan during his career. But the 32-year-old has always wanted to come to Australia.

«I had an offer from the Mariners and from other clubs, but maybe this time if I don't come then I never see Australia,» he explained to FTBL.

«That's one of the reasons, I wanted to see this country. It's a good country to live in and I have some friends here, I speak with them about Australia and they told me all the best about it. «So far so good. I'm enjoying it.»

Central Coast have had a loss and a draw from their first two games of the season.

«It's been a very good start but if we had more points it would be better,» Duric said. «I hope we are improving.»

Duric has been impressed with the up-tempo brand of football in the A-League.

«Here it's played so fast,» he admits. «In other countries at times you go easy, you take time, but here you go the same - all 90 minutes.

«Maybe I need a little bit of time to adapt to this, but until now it's been good.»

While not a noted goalscorer before, with just 45 goals from 14 previous seasons, the number 10 has caught the eye with his strikes in the A-League.

Duric is hoping to keep his scoring run going.

«I'm really happy about this,» he said. «I will try to continue in the other games and get better game by game.»

The Mariners head west this weekend to take on Perth Glory.

Duric admits he knows little about Glory, but is expecting a difficult encounter against last season's Grand Finalists.

«I don't know too much about them, but we've watched some videos on them,» he said. «This is a team that wants to play and have some experienced players.»

A-League 4nd Round Table

	TEAM	MP	W	D	L	GOAL	Pts
1	Melbourne City	4	3	1	0	7:4	10
2	WS Wanderers	4	3	1	0	5:2	10
3	Sydney FC	4	3	0	1	9:5	9
4	Western United	4	2	1	1	6:5	7
5	Perth Glory	4	1	2	1	5:5	5
6	Central Coast Mariners	3	1	1	1	4:4	4
7	Melbourne Victory	4	1	1	2	4:5	4
8	Adelaide United	3	1	0	2	5:6	3
9	Brisbane Roar	3	0	2	1	1:2	2
10	Newcastle Jets	3	0	1	2	3:7	1
11	Wellington Phoenix	4	0	0	4	4:8	0